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Major Lindsey
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

By letters this moment received from the Pyhrey Tahsildar and the Gomastah at Inttiambaddy I find the banditti with increased numbers are returned to Columbaur with the intention of again trying to plunder Pyhrey — the latter informs me he has written to you on the subject — and I have only to express my wish that you will assist the service in punishing the miscreants in the most exemplary manner —

By Hircarrahs just arrived I learn that Moota Shingar is gone to join the banditti — and that the Vera Sutcher Polygars peons from Colhimundla — Shinnoo & Modoora Pottys are gone to his man Tunnaske Moddly who is with the Pittacha Dewan and the plundering party at or near Columbaur — ~~the Vera~~ Sutcher peons are reported about three hundred —

As you are on the spot I have to beg the favor of you to use such means as may appear best for the quiet of the country — and should the good of the service now require it — that you will give the Tahsildar every assistance to get possession of Columbaur in which a post of an hundred peons be placed

it will leave your detachment more at liberty to act against the enemy —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble servant
A Wellesley
Colonel

Motepolleam
7th April 1799
10 AM —

7th April
To Major Lindsay
Copied
[illegible]

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To 79. Camp near Coleiaroo, 8th April 1799.
At 4 P.M.

T. B. Hurdis, Esqr.,
Collector Dindigul District,

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday at 6 P.M. is just received.

This Detacht. being formed to protect the country against the Public Enemy, the Banditti, & every other Disturber of the peace on this frontier, you may be assured that I shall execute the service to the best of my ability, & that I shall be glad to receive from you any intelligence respecting the enemy which you may think useful; but as to the particular acts to be done & movements to be made, I must en

exercise my own judgement —

I have the pleasure to notify to you that, on the arrival at Dindigul of the 6th of Travancore Auxiliaries, I shall draw from that Garrison 100 firelocks, of which 50 will be sent to Tyruvaratha, & 50 to Pylney, to put these places in a State of comparative security, & relieve the inhabitants from their present painful apprehensions. On Col. Brown's arrival in this vicinity, a further arrangement of the troops in the District, suited to the new State of affairs, will be made.

I have the honour to be
Sir, Your very obed^t Servt
A. Mackay
Major [illegible]

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Service

To
T. B. Hands Esq
Collector Dund. District
Dundrogue

A Lindsay
Major

Copied

From Major Lindsay
Dated 8 } April
Received 9
Dy 1801

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To Mr. Hurdis Colln

Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to forward you the Receipt of the Poligars of Pyluny for Star Pagodas Thirty —

I am much Obliged to you for the Information respecting the Poligars I have a pretty strong Guard over the Poligar at present

I am Sir
Your Obed Servt
Wm James Lt
Comg Trob Hoft

Trichinopoly
8th April 1799

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Service

To

Mr Hardis

Collector

Dominica

Fras. James

[illegible] SIN. 9th Apl 99.

[illegible]

From Lieut. Fr. James

Dated 8th }
Recd. 9th } April 1799

[illegible]

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Major Lindsay
&c &c &c

Sir

I have this moment received your letter dated 7 at four P.M. which has created no small degree of surprise — it is in answer to mine of the 6 Inst joined to a Copy of one from Coll. Brown and has in it the following paragraph

"I cannot see the propriety of commencing a predatory warfare — and have carefully avoided it tho' much in my power — Philimbium could have taken quiet possession of repew at Talayoor on the 18 October — but objecting to circum-stances refrained from that and every other act of seizure of either place or propriety — Involved the territory to be claimed is already too extensive for all your forces

fions and the Detachment &c

4 The Territory in which I am
at present employed is well defined — and per-
sons, as long as they are within the Prov.
Territory or only reclaiming what the Ho-
=stile have carried off from it shall receive
every protection in my power to afford — Ins-
uls of plunder I shall not countenance
them."

As the above paragraph insinu-
=ates that you have been called on to support
a predatory warfare — I request the favor of
you to inform me from whom such
Requisition came — no part of my letter of
the 7. could with the most forced construc-
=tion be so interpreted — nor can any part
of that of the 1st. My motive for possessing
Columbia is to secure the produce of the
late harvest — report speaks of 12000 bushels
of grain being in that Community — and
their certainty for the like benefit — but
for

for the ryots —

Circumstances just now — shall make the possession of [illegible] desirable — the fate of [illegible] — & the placing of a person in Crevancarche which will I hope take place in two or three days — will quiet all in the North & North Eastern frontier and leave you at liberty to take possession of Tarapoor — and thereby cover the whole of the Pylney frontier with greater ease than now both to yourself and Sepoys —

I understand from an [illegible] that Cavai is in ~~of~~ our possession — and as the possession of Crevancarche & Tarapoor are of material consequence to the peace of this Province I shall request the favor of Colonel Dow to issue such orders as he may deem proper for ensuring them to us —

I have again to request an explanation of the before mentioned paragraphs from your letter of the 7th as soon as possible —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. [illegible] Collector

Motepolliam
9 April 1799 —

To Major Lindsay
L. ƒ
Dated 9 April 1777.
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J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr

Sir

Be pleased to acquaint Mr
Munro the Whole Order or Addition of 6 Sepoys
to the Guard he at present has – and that
he has permission to take the whole or any
part of it with him but that I cannot
spare him another man, a Detachment Order
having carried away a large proportion
of our Effective Force

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt St

C. B. Hartle Capt Comg

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J. G. Rivenskin Esqr

&c &c

From Col^l. Thos. Butler
10th. April 1799
(Copied)

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W. Hardis, Esq.

Collector, Dindigul District,

Sir,

Your letter to me of the 9th instant was received late last night. In this letter you quote from mine of the 7th instant the following paragraphs.

"I cannot see the propriety of commencing a predatory warfare, & have carefully avoided it tho' much in my power. Columbum I could have taken quiet possession of when at Saty oot, on the 18th ultimo, but, adverting to circumstances, refrained from that & every other act of seizure of either place or property. Indeed, the territory to be secured is already too extensive for all your Peons & this Detachment."

"The business on which I am at present employed is well defined, and, your Peons, as long as they are within the Comp[y] territory, or only reclaiming what the Banditti have carried off from it shall receive every protection in my power to afford. In acts of plunder I shall not countenance them."

These paragraphs, you conceive, intimate that I have been called on "to support a predatory warfare, & you request to know from whom such a requisition came. In answer I beg leave to cite from your letter to me of the 6th instant the subsequent passages.

"As I am well informed that Tippoo's people are destroying the grain collected in different parts of the country and, as I know the Curavally of Columbum yielded much [illegible], with the view of securing as much as possible for the Sircar, ordered the Tahsildar to take the whole of the grain he may find, keeping possession of it until he receive further orders"

"In case he should, in the above service, require assistance from you, I beg the favour of you to afford it him"

I forbear making any comment on these passa[ges] but must remark that I am quite ignorant of yo[ur] [illegible] any warrant or authority to wage war a[gainst] [th]e Enemy or make seizures from him

occasions our own Govt, whenever the State, are pleased to employ their Military servants whom they maintain for these & other Military services.

I am also equally unacquainted by what authority you require Columbum, or any other place of Tippoo's to be put into your possession, and, till I am informed of this new power being vested in you, I must necessarily decline complying with any such requisition.

In your military speculations that "Circumstances exist now that make the possession of Columbum desirable. The fall of Carour, & the placing a Garrison in Aravacourchy, which I hope will take place in two or three days, will quiet all on the North, & North east frontier, & leave you at liberty to take possession of Daraporam, & thereby cover the whole of the Pylney frontier, with greater ease than now to yourself & Sepoys", it appears to me you have forgotten the hill fort of Chuckragherry, Veerapauchy's treachery, & that the troubles in the district have been, & are chiefly, excited by outlaws & banditti, who roam about in the jungles — Of the measures to be taken to cover the Pylney frontier to the best advantage, & with the greatest ease to the Sepoys & myself, I also may be allowed to form an opinion, tho' it may not correspond with yours.

Tho' on the frontier, & near to Columbum, & in intercourse with Tippoo's Subjects, who are very desirous to change their Master, I have heard nothing of the destruction of the grain, of which, as well as of the Ryots, Col. Brown, who is expected to arrive in [illegible] of this in a few days, will take proper care, unless anticipated by your Pens.

I beg leave to inform you that at Tal[illegible] [illegible] Talkildar [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible]

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[illegible] of them with him on his expeditions, that
neighbouring villages were left almost destitute of in-
habitants, who betook themselves to the jungles, from
which, since the arrival of the Detachment, they begin to
return.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

A. Lindsay

Major

Comdg.

Camp near Vadyawalsah,

11th April,

1799.

P.S. To obviate mistakes, & prevent our annexing different ideas to the same phrase, it may be not unuseful to mention that, by a predatory warfare, I mean, & have always found it so understood, a war or series of hostilities, of which the seizure of plunder, no matter from whom, & not any action that might bring matters to a conclusion, is the object — A war of posts is a similar phrase, & applied to acts of hostility in which the seizure of posts, & not battles, is the sole aim — A.L.

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Service

To

T. B. Hurdis Esq

Collector, Dindegul Districts

Copied

Major Lindsay

Received 23 [illegible]

dated 11th — 27 Nov

— Hurdis Esq Collector &c Dindigul

1502

Sir —

At the request of Mr Torin Resid. of Tanjore, I have the honor to inform you, I will dispatch tomorrow morning for you, two thousand, five hundred Pagodas, under charge of a Guard, of one Naigue & four Sepoys, but should you consider that Guard insufficient, from the state of your part of the Country, you will consequently send a reinforcement from Dindigul to meet them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obed.t Serv.t

[illegible] Major

Comg Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

April 15th 1793

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Pyhrig	—	5. 25
Pettit	—	2. 25
Baltanode	—	1. 25
Henry Gaus	—	3. 75

14 April N 15 [illegible]

— [illegible] Esqr Collector &c
or in his absence to
— [illegible] Esqr
[illegible] }
[illegible] Richardson

Copied
From
Major Kenney
dated 15th April 1799
recd. 18 do

D. J. [illegible]

— Dundas Esqr

&c &c

Sir,

From the Bearer you will receive the two thousand four Hundred Pagodas [illegible] You [illegible] yesterday and have the Honor to be Sir

Yr Obedt.

Murray Major

Com. [illegible]

Trichinopoly

Apl 16th 1797

[illegible]

Service

To — Hurdis Esqr

or in his absence for

— Ravenshaw Esqr

Dindegul

Henry Major

Comg Trichinopoly

From Major Henry
16th Octr 99 —
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Commanding

Dindigul

Sir

I have to beg you will order ~~[illegible]~~ your guard to proceed with all possible expedition ~~on the~~ on the road ~~towards~~ towards Trichinopoly, till they meet a Naik and four Sepoys who are dispatched from thence this morning with treasure, ~~this party~~ which yours will join, ~~and~~ in the escorting the money to this place.

As from Manapaur hence is the most likely ~~[illegible]~~ part of the road for any accidents to happen from marauders, I wished the guard you dispatch would endeavour to meet the other ~~[illegible]~~ as near that place as possible.

Yours

Dindigul 1st Apl 64

to Captn. Walker
16th. Apl. 1787
(Copie)

Dindigul ~~Received~~ 20th of April 1755 Received of Major Heron 2500
Commanding Trichinopoly the sum of two
thousand and five hundred Star Pagodas [illegible]
to Mr Hyder ~~hitherto~~ ~~[illegible]~~ by him at the request of Mr [illegible]
Town Resident at Tanjore, ~~for the~~ on account
of the purchase and hire of bullocks for
~~the~~ Army.

~~Dindigul~~
~~[illegible]~~

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Major Kenny

Commanding

Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the Pleasure to ~~acknowledge~~ ~~the receipt of your letter of the 15~~ inform you the sum of two Thousand five hundred Pagodas mentioned in your letter of the 15th to Mr. Collector Hurdis arrived here last night, and I now enclose you receipts for the same. —

I have the honor to be

Dindigul

26th Apl. 95 — Your obed.t Serv.t

To Major Kenny
20th Abl 1749 —
(Copied)

To the Hunter Esq

Major Harris

Sir,

Trichinopoly

Sir,

The bearer will deliver to you the Two thousand five hundred Pagodas, mentioned in my letter of this day's date.

Dindigul — 26 Apl. 95

[illegible signature]

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To Major Remy
26th Apl 1795

(Copied)

Wm Deas Jur

(Copied)

Captain Porter
Commanding
Dindigul

Sir

Be pleased to order a Naig's guard to be in readiness to morrow morning by 10 o'Clock to escort Treasure to Nellacottah

I am Sir
your obed.t Serv.t

Dindigul
22. Apl. 96—

Capt. Trotter
22d. Apl. 1799
(Copied)

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Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General
&c &c &c

Sir

Agreeable to the instruction in
your letter of 29th January 1799 - Commu-
-nicated by the Board of Revenue - I have
the honor of forwarding Invoice of Rice &c
delivered by my people to Mr Hawkins -
Commissary with the Southern Field Detachment

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W B Harvie
Collector

Camp at
Cossad 25 April
1799

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Copied

To Major General
William Sydenham
Dated 25 April 1649

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Major Dallas
agent for Supply of
Bullock to the
Army —

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Sir

I have the pleasure of Sending the Receipt and Certificate for Carriage Bullocks Supplied for the Grand Army — in proof of those directed to be furnished by Mr. Torin — to whom the Registers are sent —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Very Obedient
humble Servant

Camp
Erroad 26th April
1799 —

Copied

To Major Dalvis

26th April. –

Duplicate

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Captain Tuthe

Commanding

Dindigul

Sir

I will thank you to order a
Havildars guard to be in Readiness at
the Collectors Cacherie this Evening
at 3 oClock to escort treasure to
Trichinopoly —

I am Sir
your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Thos. Rannahan
Asst. Collr.

Dindigul
26th April
1799

To Captn. Trotter

dated 26. April

1799

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Major Kenny
Commanding
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that at the Request of Mr. Benjn. Torin Resident at Tanjour I shall this Evening dispatch for you the sum of two thousand five hundred Str. Pagodas under Charge of a Havildars guard.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt. Servt.
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Assistt. Collr.

Cunedegaut
6. April 1799.

To Major Kenny
dated 26th April
1799

Denomination £

F.B. Harris Esqr.   164   No 93   163

Collector &c

Sir

Agreeable to your application of this date fifty of Nadangees are to be continued to follow your Mention with Rice furnished notwithstanding I have no direction from the Colonel Brown to let any of them leave out of this Detachment, they have received their Allowance from the Grain Department of Rice up to the 1st of May inst. according to the Colonel's order; you will of course [illegible] the manner in which they are to be supplied with Rice while attached. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedt.
Servant
Malcolm MacGregor
[illegible]

Camp
30 Apr 99

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From Captn. Mcgregor

Dated } 30 April 1784
Received }

[illegible]

To Captain Prother

Commanding

Dindigul—

Sir

Your letter of this day's date, enclosing a copy of Mr Paymaster Hughes's of the 26th I have this moment received

Mr Collector Hurdis has received orders to collect, with the utmost expedition 2000 Draught and Carriage for the army, not more than half that number are yet completed, and ~~I doubt if the that number~~ I have orders by this day's Tappal to forward all that may be ready to Col Brown's being immediately on the arrival of some coming this way from Madura

~~Mr Coll.~~ I am in the same situation as Mr Hughes, in what to orders for collecting Draught and Carriage bullocks for the army, ~~and~~ I have not yet ready at Dindigul half the number expected from this district and I doubt if the whole can be completed ~~with~~ drivers, till ~~I have~~ which is collected ~~whole~~ I cannot, consistent with the orders I have received, give Mr Hughes Agent any ~~bullocks~~

assistance ~~them allowance~~

Mr. Hughes is not acquainted with the numbers of Bullocks and men, already drawn from this district, or ~~he would~~ he would not think it so fully capable of affording ~~supplies~~ Cattle and followers—

As the business of supplying Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Corps and detachment ordered to join Major Lindsay, comes under the Paymasters departments, I conceive Mr. Hughes would be justified in supplying ~~the~~ what may be wanted for that purpose from the numbers he has ~~at~~ collected at Madura for the public service.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Your most obed. Servt.

Dindigul
27th Mar 1799
½ past 12. P.M.—

To Capt. Trotter
27th Mar 1799

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To T. B. Hardis Collector or in his Absence
J. L. Ravenshaw Esqr

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Sir

I have the Honor to enclose an Extract of a letter received this morning from Mr Hughes and have in consequence to call upon you requesting that you will grant every Assistance in your power to the Agent of Mr Hughes here in the procuring of Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Guns & Detachment ordered to join Major Lindsay

I am Sir
Your most Obt. & Humd Servt
Jn Hatton Capt Commandg

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Jamaica

L. B. Marks Esqr Collector
or in his Absence
J. G. Aeneasbon Esqr
&c &c
Montego Bay

Ch. Hotte
Capt Comg

From Capt. Nott — with
Enclosure from Mr Marks
27th Apl 1795 —
(Copied)

To Captain Trotter

Commanding Dindigul

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Sir,

I have been honored with your letter of the 24th, and hasten to acquaint you, that I am under the most pressing and peremptory orders to collect and dispatch to Caroor immediately 2000 draught and carriage cattle, and that all my diligence and exertions will not enable me to forward them within the time desired; and as it is impossible, but that with the joint exertions of the Collector and Commanding Officer the Dindigul district must be fully capable of affording supplies of Cattle and Followers adequate to the services which may arise at Dindigul, and should indeed bear entirely its own proportion in the demands for the Public Service that may arise within itself; I am induced to entreat of you in the most earnest manner and for the furtherance of the Service to lend your effectual assistance to fit out the equipment you mention from

(Dindigul)

Dindigul, in which I am sure my Agent will exert himself as much as his very limited influence can enable him.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymr.

Madura
26th April 1795

A true Extract Ch. Potter

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J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr
&c &c &c

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknow[ledge]
the receipt of the two thousand five
hundred Star Pagodas you dispatched fo[r]
Dindigull on the 26th Inst, and have
returned under Charge of the Guard
three thousand Star Pagodas at the
request of Mr Torin for R. W. Hughes
Esqr Pay Master of Madura which
You will Oblige me by forwarding
to him - Should an Escort not arrive
from Madura for it, I have written
Mr Hughes advising him of its
being dispatched from hence to
Dindigul & to send a Guard to

to take charge of it —

I am Sir your very Obed^t. Servt.

A Kinney Major

Com^g Fort Washington [?]

Dickinson's Point [?]

Ap^l ye 30th 1799

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Secret

J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr

&c &c

Dindigul

W Kenny Major

[illegible]

Copied

From Major Kenny

Dated 30th April

Recd 5th May 1799

Major Kennys Receipt

for 2500 Rs

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Captain Malcolm Macgregor
Commanding
Errode —

Sir —

Having appointed Tremul Iyengar Tahseeldar of Chengary Pullaram — and Shepet Row Tahseeldar of Perumtoorea — I have to request for each fifty of Tondimans peons — until others can be procured & this so soon as possible that no delay may be made in taking possession of the Country —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W B [illegible]
Collector

Errode
30 April 1799

J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr.
&c &c &c

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the Receipt of the two thousand five hundred Str. Pagodas you dispatched from Dindigul on the 26th. Inst., and have returned under charge of the guard the thousand Str. Pagodas at the Request of Mr. Torin for R. Hughes Esqr. Paymaster of Madura which you will oblige me by forwarding to him should Escort not arrive from Madura for it, I have written Mr. Hughes advising him of its being dispatched

from

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from hence Via Dindigul & to send
a Guard to take charge of it —

I am Sir
your very obed.t Serv.t
(signed) W. Kenny M
Comm.g Trichinop

Trichinopoly
April 30.th 1799 —

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From Major Kenny
Dated 30th April
Recd - 4th May 89.

Original is in the
Cash Chest a Receipt
for 2500 Dolls -

To Captain Prob
Commanding
Dindigul

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Sir

Be pleased to order the
following - Sheven Andy - and Andy
now confined on the Rocks, to be
delivered over to the Cutwal's charge
who attends you herewith

I am Sir
&c

Dindigul
4th May 64

signed R Maunshaw

2 Mar 99

to Capt. Roberts

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Captn Gibb
Commanding
Caroor

Sir,

The Havildars Guard accompanying this have charge of two thousand nine hundred Bullocks for the service of the Army proceeding from hence to Namcull, as the duty of this garrison falls very heavy on the few troops here, I have to request you will if possible return the guard sent from hence and forward the cattle to Namcull with all ~~convenient~~ expedition

I am Sir
Dindigul 6 May 95 — Your most obedient Servt.

To Captⁿ Gibbs —
6 May 88
Carson —

Lieut. James 178 / 196
Fort Adjutant
Trichinopoly

Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending bill on Narsuhmia Chitty for the subsistance of the late Poligar of Pyleny for the current Month

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Hurdis
Collector

Errood
6 May 1799

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To Lieut Jam

Dated 4th May

Captain Trotter
Commanding
Dindigul

Sir

— I will thank you

to order a Havildar's guard
to be in readiness to morrow
morning at Gorenbore, to escort
about 300 Bullocks for
the Army to Caroor, or eventually
to Namcul, if they cannot be
admitted at the former place.

I am Sir

Dindigul — signed — [illegible]
1 Mar 91 — [illegible] Capt.

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To Captn. Tho. Mathews
6th. May 44

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Captn. Walker
Commanding
Drucksub

Sir It Wou'd be
agreable if you were publickly
known that the customary
reward shall be given for all
Ravens or stray dogs killed
and brought in to the
Commanding Officers quarters

The [illegible] [illegible] scarcely
quarters [illegible] [illegible]
to annoy therefore among the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

of this manner

I shall be happy to receive any orders for the furtherance of this desireable Object

Yours obedly

Signed. ~~[illegible]~~

Dindigul

6 May 99

To Captn Trotter
6 May 93

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Major Lindsay
Commanding [illegible] Davenport

Sir,

As I understand from Captain [illegible] you are about to move to the Westward, I beg leave to recommend to you and the Gentlemen on your side of the County, that the bearer to whom I give this acknowledgement, [illegible] friends, has attached himself to our cause since preparations for war were first commenced and that, since December last, he is become a [illegible] of service to us; that in consequence of an authority received from Genl. Stuart our Commander in Chief and Myself for Northern, I have offered him the rank of a Lieutenant in the Company. It seems [illegible] further [illegible] as they might be [illegible] to [illegible] on a [illegible] at the close of [illegible] war; and have to observe that he has [illegible] other [illegible] to [illegible] neutrality as well as [illegible] in furnishing supplies and [illegible] between [illegible],

and of both Dartmouth & Concord packets and letters of great importance. As it is probable you will

[illegible] his country at Lamatoon, near Morganton

I give him this for his introduction. He has the very

honorable information & one of the [illegible] of com-

bination [illegible] to the tranquility of his neighbour-

hood. — I shall say nothing on these points at present

and observe only that the friends and [illegible] of his im-

mediate neighbourhood and friends are the only persons

who have shewn themselves ready and willing to join

us, and that have been instrumental to that ex-

tensive [illegible] communication which the country

[illegible] most distracted [illegible] has been kept open

between [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]

He informed us this forenoon, the [illegible]

of [illegible] being at [illegible] in [illegible] to the

southward, and [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] his country, [illegible] to [illegible]

and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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her cask. He has none here, but I suppose intends to ask for a supply either from You or Capt. Simons.

If you will be so obliging as to inform me occasionally of your situation, I will do myself the pleasure to send You the news — but before Col. Brown returns I do not think your force will be quite sufficient to establish Fort and the Collections farther to the Northward, on the Western arm of the Combahee, near the town of that name.

The Gall of Nathan will no doubt meet with most attention in the plans of the War of the past, but in end to it.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir

Your most obed[t] servant

Jn Romney

Pocotaligo: 7th May 1779 Major Comd.

Fromy
Major Ramney
to Major Lindsay
dated 7th May 1799
12. D. D.

To the Officer

Commanding

Namcul

Sir

The Brinjarries have charge of two thousand bullocks being part of the Bangts Tourin subsisting for the grand army. You will of course forward ~~[illegible]~~ or keep them at Namcul as you may have received orders. I am Sir

Your obedient Servt

Signed [illegible]

Dindigul

7 May

17[illegible]

Service

To The Officer

Commanding

Wharrnhaw Namcul

~~[illegible]~~ Do.

Soobramany Pillay Head Maistry
for Carriage Bullocks
Rungatha Naig - Ditto
for Draught Ditto
Wharrnhaw

Officer
Commanding
Namcul
7 May 66

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To Major Major Dallas
Principal Agent for
Draught & Carriage Bullocks

Sir

You will herewith receive Register and Muster Certificates of three hundred and seventy (370) Draught and one thousand five hundred and thirty (1530) Carriage Bullocks, furnished by the Collector in part of Mr. Benjamin Harden, being in part of Mr Benjamin Harden his Supply to the Grand Army

I have Sir

Your obedt. Servt.

Dindigul
11th May 66

To Major Dallas
No. 5 Novr 95
with Invoice, Certificate
of 1500 Bullocks

Invoice

To Major Dallas
Principal Agent
for Draught & Carriage Bullocks

W Brownlow
~~[illegible]~~ Coll

Captⁿ. Malcolm Macgregor
& &
Erroad — 188

Sir

The peons of the Tandeman who went with the Tahseldar of Chengary Pulladum having returned to this place — I have the pleasure of Sending them to you — they have Received their Batta in full for the time they have been Serving and to the time of arrival at Erroad —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W B Hurdis
Collector

Caroor
12. May
1799

Expired

To facilt^r Malcolm
Macgregor [illegible]
to
12 May 17[illegible]

To

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Mr. Hurdis
Colletor
Dindigul

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you
the Poligars receipts for Thirty one Star Pagodas

Yours Obedt Servt
Thos. James &c
Forb Adjt

Cutt. Trotter 191 208

~

Dindigul

Sir/ Be pleased to order

Punga, Chinna Konga,
Chinnavan, Narthen, Chungen
Cooten and Nella Vellayan
Prisoners now confined on
the Rock to be delivered over
to the Cutwal who attends
here with I am Sir

Dindigul your ~
16 May 88

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Caleb Parker,
16 May 24

To Captn [illegible]

at

Curroor

123 205

Sir

The Bearer has charge of one thousand pro[...] Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Army, which I ~~would~~ have to request you will send on escorted by a guard to Ramnad

I am Sir

Dindigul. Your obed. Servt

14 May

1788

In Cab^t [illegible]

13 Aug 94 —

Major Kennedy
&
Trichinopoly

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Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 30th Ulty acknowledging the receipt of the two thousand five hundred Star Pagodas (2500) I dispatched from hence on the 16th.

As a letter is not considered a sufficient voucher in Pay Master's Accounts among them to beg you will send a regular receipt for the amount

I am
Dindigul 16 May 94

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To Major Ramy
13 May 64

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To J. B. Hurdis Esqr
Collect. &c &c Dindigul

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Sir

I have the Honor to enclose for your information the Copy of a letter I received from the Secy to Government, and to assure You it will afford me infinite Pleasure to forward the public Service in concert with You, by carrying his Lordships instructions into effect as far as the means in my Power will admit, —

I have therefore to request you will favor me with your opinion respecting the strength of the Garrison in Coimbatoor and how far Major Lindsays Corps is now Advanced in that direction —

I should suppose the sooner

the attempt may be made the better of
the Country [illegible], and arrangements
made accordingly for that purpose with
:out loss of time —

I have the Honor to be
Sir your Obed^t. Servt.

Trichinopoly
May 16th. 1799

[illegible] Major &
Senr. Off. in the L.D.

To Major W^m. Henry
&c &c &c

Sir

I have this instant received your
letter of the 16th. inclosing copy of that
from the Secy to Government of the
18th. In reply I have to beg the favor
of you to inform me as quickly as pos-
:ble what force can be spared from

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in garrison of Trichinopoly to act with Major
Lindsays detachment in order to carry the Right
Honble the Governor Generals orders into
effect. -

I have &c

signed G Harris

Cowie
17th May 1799
10 p. M.

Copied

From Major Henry

16th May

17th Recd

answered

Service

Thos Mercer Esqr

Collector Dut &c

Dunegale

Carrow

W Henry Major

Comg &c

pd 1/1 SIN 17th May 99

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To Major Wm. Kinnory
or Senior Officer in the
Southern Division

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble. The Governr. General in Council, to enclose for your Information, a Copy of his Lordships Orders, to the Collector of Dindigul, & to desire that you, will take such Measures, in Concert with Mr. Hurdis, as may be judged most conducive, to the Objects of his Lordships, Instructions, to that Gentleman

I am
Sir
Your most Obed. Servt.
(Sign'd) J. Webbe

Fort St. George
13th. May 1799

A true Copy
Wm. Kinnory Major Senr. Offr. & Secy. to Govert.

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J. G.
M^r. B. Ravenshaw Esqr.
G. S.

Sir agreeable to your wish I have the pleasure to send you the Rec^t. for the money you despatched to me on account of M^r. Torin

I am Sir
your obedient
May 16th 1799 (Signed) W^m. Kenny

Trichinopoly Ap^l. 30th. 1799 J. G.

Received of B. Ravenshaw Esqr on account of M^r. Torin the resident at Tan the Sum of two thousand five hundred Star Pagodas (2500

(Signed) W^m. Kenny Major
Commanding T Trichinopoly

From Major Kenny
Dated 16th [illegible]
Recd 27th [illegible]

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J. B. Ravenshaw Esqr

Asst Collector – Dindigul

Sir–

I am favour'd with yours by the Bearer accompanying the Two thousand Nine hundred Bullocks for the Service of the Army, the which shall be forwarded on accordingly

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Carroor

15th May 1799

Edwd M. Gepp

Capt. Commd

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From Captn. Gabb
16 May 1789.

[illegible]

Service

J. B. Ravenshaw Esqr.
Asst. Collector
Dindigul

[illegible]

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Major Innes
Commanding &c &c
Tanjore

Sir

Having Received the orders of Govt. General to take such immediate means as may be practicable in concert with the officers commanding the several ~~Posts~~ Forts in the southern Division for bringing the Districts, lying below the Ghauts, & not yet assumed under the authority of the Companys Government. — I have to beg the favor of You to inform me as soon as possible what force can be spared from the Garrison of Tanjore to act with Major Lindsays detachment

in

in order to carry the Right Honble the
Governor Generals orders into effect
I have the honour to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble servant
(Signed) B Turen[?] &c
Collector

Caroor
17 Friday
midnight –

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Copied

To Major Innes

Dated 17th May 1777 –

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T B Hurdis Esqr
Collector of Dindigul
&

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Sir

I have the Honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th
by which I suppose the Copy of Mr Scot
Webbs letter to me as Senior Officer in the
Division, has not been seen by us exactly
in the same point of View, though I fancy
upon your again adverting to it, it may
appear necessary, for the forming a Detach-
ment to go in some Degree through me —
However that the Service may not
suffer, from any misconception of yours, or
mine, If you will state to me what troops
are wanted from this Garrison, they shall be

be held in readiness, to such an extent, as the safety of the place will admit, and perhaps by that time the Decision of Gov:ment may be received ——

I have the Honor to be

Sir your Obed.t Serv.t

Tellicherry
March 18th 1799

J. Murray Major &
Sen.r Officer of the Division

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Express Service

T B Hurdis Esq

Collector of Dindigul

W Kenny Majr Cas &c — Paroor

Pr Dispt 18d May 99.

To Josiah Webb

Copied
Bryan Henry
Note 18th May
2d 19 —
answered

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J. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector &c.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours dated this day respecting the Force that can be Spared from the Garrison for the purpose therein mentioned - According to its present strength and State of the Troops I shall be enabled to furnish you with the following Detail Vizt.

	Sergt.	Corpl.	Pri-
Europeans	2	2	20

	Jemr.	Havr.	Naig	Privates
Natives	1	2	3	40

under the Command of a Subaltern Officer.

I should be happy was I able to furnish a larger detail on this occasion - but is not possibly in my power so to do. on Account of the Services required from this Garrison -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Servant

Cavour

18th May 1799 -

Edwd. M. Gepp -

Captn. Commg.

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Genoa

Wm. Reeves Esqr.

Collector &c. &c.

Carroon

Ch Capt.
Capt. &c.

Copied

From Capt. Giffin
Dated }
Received } 18 May 1774

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Major Lindsay

&c &c &c

Cheruparam —

Sir

Having received the orders of Government General to take such immediate means as may be practicable in concert with the officers command-ing the several Forts in the Southern countries for bringing the districts lying below the Ghauts (not yet assumed) under the authority of the Companys Government — — I have in consequence applied to the officers in Command at Trichinopoly Tanjore ^Dindigul Madura Ramnad — Caroor & Palghaut cheiry (Copy of letter to Major Tommy I enclose for your information) to know what force each might be able under present circumstances to spare in assistance to your detachment

You shall have the answers of each on their arrival — and in the interim I have to beg the favor of you to state what may be

necessary in your opinion whether in point
of numbers - or supplies - to render the detach-
-ment equal to the service required of it -
and this that no delay in provision of the latter
may happen - that can possibly be prevented -

As it is of great consequence to me to know
of your movements - I have to request the favor
of you to inform me of them - and as the
possession of Michilimackinac appears to me a
principal object in keeping quiet the
country near to it - I have to beg the favor of
you to inform me - whether you think it
practicable to take possession of it with the
force now under you -

In this question however a second may be
involved viz whether on your quitting the
station at or near Darenpoam - and going
to or from it close to the lakes - the asist nor
their rabble may not seriously injure both the

country and Ryots in and about Kangyam &

~~Darapoor~~ between it and Darapooram -

Your information ~~[illegible]~~ will enable you to resolve this question - and should it appear to you that the absence of the detachment from Darapooram or near it will not be an invi- -tation for the rabble to make their predatory incursions - I submit to you the propriety, (if consistent with your numbers) ~~[illegible]~~ of sending a company - or by any other means, of whether of siege or attack, that may appear better to you, of getting possession of it -

Shenkempenny - or as in the Cutcherry books it is denominated Azeezabad - is subject to an Asoph whose residence was at Pitinchee Mohr ul deen Ali the 1st asof and Shaik Abdul Luipool the 2nd Asof - Whether Pitinchee (which was a cantonment) has a fort or not I do not know - but being the seat of one of the Civil [illegible] it is likely to have [illegible] some sort of place of defence -

Business will detain me here four or five days longer — I shall then proceed to Arnancoorry where I shall remain until I hear of your motions — so soon as I know them I shall proceed to join you — or go to Kaggery as business may hereafter render more necessary — to push on the supplies &c. ordered from that part — and other quarters —

I shall be obliged by your [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] may be [illegible] for the

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servt

[illegible]

Cassoor 18th May 1799 —

P.S.

Since writing the above Captn [illegible] has informed he can spare as follows:

Europeans	Lieut.	Corps:	Pr	
	2 —	2 —	20	
	Tindal	Maistry	Naig	Bhoy
Natives	1	2	3 —	60

& one Subaltern Officer —

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Major Kenny

&c. &c. &c.

Trichinopoly

Sir

When last I heard from Major Lindsay he was at Darapooram - the strength of the Garrison in Coimbatoor I consider almost as nominal - the fort itself is reported in a state of Ruin - the asfs with a rabble the numbers of which report states variously are running about the country to the terror of the peaceable inhabitants - but there are no regular Troops of the Mysorean below the Ghauts -

The Chief Fort necessary to be reduced is Thakraugherry or azzezalad - a hill fort near Coimbum - from the possession of which at present - the Killedar is enabled to distress the Inhabitants near him by parties of banditti who under his protection commit the most wanton acts of violence - this fort

rather

taken

I apprehend no disturbance will touch us in future but until it fall the Ryots can expect no ease —

It is reported the Garrison consists of 150 Peons — and about as many more people which Killedar has collected for his better defence — the works are Strong — but tis said there is a great want of water within — whether Major Lindsay will be able to get into it with what he has or not I do not know — but if he should the leaving a Garrison in it will much weaken his already weak Detachment —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed. W B Nardin
Collector

Carour
18 May
1799.

[illegible]

Copy

to Major Kenny dated
18 may 1777

Major Tonnery
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&
Palghaut

Sir
Having received the orders of Govern
ment General - to take such immediate
means as may be practicable in con
cert with the officers - commanding
the several posts in the Southern
countries for bringing the districts
lying below the ghauts (not yet
occupied) under the authority of
the Companys Government -
Have to beg the favor of your to
inform me as speedily as possible
what force can be spared from
the Garrison of Palgautcheny to
act with Major Lindsays detach
ment - in order to carry the Right
Hon'ble the Governor Generals
orders into effect -

by an uncertain report – I learned
that a party from Palghaut had
taken possession of the pettah of
Coimbatoor – but were again driven
on hearing the Southern detachment
had proceeded up the Ghauts – as
your late letter did not confirm
this or even mention the circum-
:stance I am led to doubt the
truth of the report –

I have to request the favor of
you to inform Major Lindsay of
of the force you may be able to
assist him with – and this as
with ye same time as to prevent
the possibility of any delay
in furthering the orders of Gover-
:nment general –

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from your vicinity to Coimba
tore - you are doubtless well
acquainted with its strength
many particulars on this sub
ject. I have to beg the favor of
you to inform Major Lindsay
of - and that you will have
the goodness to be as quick in
communication as circumstances may
admit -

It appears to me that there
will be very little difficulty in
establishing a regular tappal
to Darapooram - from the appear
-ance of the country on the Bolgha
side - I have to request you
will have the goodness to effect

To Major Romney
dated 18th May
Copied

if possible — five Express Horses
may be allowed each person — and
one or two horses as circumstances
may require — (probably at present
two will be proper) at each
stage — the stages each from the
other about seven & an half to eight
miles —

In the hope of shortly hearing
from you —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
Caroa
18th May
1799 —

H Morris
Collector

— [illegible]
[illegible]

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Major William Kenny

&c. &c. &c.

Trichinopoly

Sir!

I have received your favor of the 18th- and hasten to reply. The orders of Government to me are "that such "immediate means, as may be practicable, should "be taken by you in concert with the officers com"manding the several forts for bringing those districts "under the authority of the Companys Government"-

2 Hence I did not conceive that you were the only person to be applied to - and under such conception I have addressed the different Commandants of several forts - - Neither did I conceive that a new detachment was to be formed - but that such drafts as could be made consistently with the safety of the different garrisons - should (the having joined each other) be sent to join Major Lindsays detachment in order to render it equal to the service required of it-

4 I have written to Tanjore Dindigul Madura

Cannon, Carson & Oliphant — of each garrison

~~[illegible]~~

As Senior officer in the Southern Division you ought to be informed of the Requisitions made on those garrisons under your command & I was in the act of writing you this morning to say what I had done in order that no mistake or misconception might arise when I received your favor by express —

5 You are very obliging in your offer of holding in readiness such troops as may be wanted, that the service may not suffer — as to the numbers necessary I am unable to form an opinion — in my letter of yesterday I mentioned part of the service to be performed — and the strength of Orangeburg — I apprehend however all that can be spared will be wanted — Major Lindsay has there not more than three hundred Firelocks with him — but this I write more from supposition than any thing I positively know —

6 Letters I have from Colonel Browne say he hopes soon to be back in this country — I have reason to suppose he arrived at [illegible] the 11th — unless we can by our united efforts drive

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3 these drafts were of course to be formed and directed wholly by you – but it was necessary for me to understand the numbers that might be sent from each place – as speedily as possible that I might take the measures necessary to secure to them supplies – and this could be done only by my ~~or~~ requesting of the officers applied to, ~~the~~ information of the strength each could spare –

the parties together in expert ways – Which it possible the detachment ordered from the grand army, or his may be here so soon as to render the drafts useless –

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obed[ien]t

humble serv[an]t

Carvon 19th May 1796 –

To Major Kenney
Dated 19 May 1799.

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T. B. Hudis Esq.
Collector &c &c Dindigul

Sir

I have the Honor to inform you that in consequence of your representation of the weak state of Major Lindsay's Detachment and the necessity of throwing a Garrison into Ayzizabad, the two Companies of Travancore Sepoys now forming part of this Garrison, will march to join him on the 2d Instant Via Caroor, that the Native Officer in Charge may receive your Instructions by which rout to proceed

I have the Honor to be
Sir your Obed. Servt.
M. Murray Major &c
Senr. Offr. a Det.

Trichinopoly
May 7th 19 1797

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1/2 past 6 P.M.

To B. Macaulay Esqr

&c.

Sir

I am duly honored with your favor of the 18th Inst, and lose not a moment in acquainting you - from the Division orders of Lt Col Monro not having been carried into effect fully and that only one instead of the two Companies of His Excellency the Rajah of Travancore's troops having yet arrived, I am not at present capable of furnishing any force from this Garrison But will immediately on the arrival of the other Company of His Excellency's troops and two Companies with 31 Rank & File detached on different Services at the requisition of the Capt Collector ~~I will~~ be able to spare a force tho not great - to assist in carrying the orders of the Right Honble the Governor General into Execution - I have the honor to be Sir

Your most Obt & Hble Servt

Ar Motte Captn Comm

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Captain Trotter

Commanding

Dindigul

Sir

Please to supply [illegible]

six thousand and ~~eight~~ nine hundred

and eighty ball cartouches

for the use of the [illegible]

Yours I am

Dindigul

15 May

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Do Cathe Crothes
14 May 64

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

I this day received your Letter of the 17th Instant – And should most chearfully add to the strength of Major Lindsay's Detachment for the purpose you mention was it in my power but it would not be adviseable to reduce the strength of this Garrison more than has been done already, of which the Governor General in Council and the Officer Commanding in the Carnatic are fully

apprized

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apprized. — The Troops are weeks on Duty without relief and I am unable to answer the calls of the Collectors of this district & furnish the frequent Escorts required from this Garrison.

It is to be hoped the complete success above the Points, will enable Major Lenoury to do what is necessary below them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedt.

Tarpont 20th May 1799.

Jas. Innes

Major Comg.

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To F. B. Hurdis Esqr
Collector
Carwar

Service
Major Innes
Comg

3½ no. 1/2 4

[illegible]
Post Paid

Copied
From Major Innes
dated 20th }
Received 22 } May 17[illegible]

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T. B. Murdoes Esq
Collector &c &c

Sir/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 19th Inst, and have the Honor to inform you, that I have written to Major Innes, to let me know with as little delay as possible, what Troops he can spare from Tanjore, and to hold them in readiness, to proceed at a moments warning, which will prevent any unnecessary loss of time. The Company from hence proceed tomorrow and I request you will arrange matters accordingly, their number will be near Ninety Men, any other assistance I can give will be extremely happy to exert

myself, in & for the public good —

I am unacquainted with the Streng[th] of the Garrison of Dindigul & will thank you to forward the enclosed to Major Lindsey which will enable him, as far as longs with me, to make such Arrangements as he deems necessary respecting Draughts from that Garrison —

From Madura I am well aware no force can possibly be spared, in its present State, But conceive from your Accounts of Coimbetoor, and Azizabad, no Opposition will be made, and from the situation of Affairs above the Ghauts, there can be little to Apprehend, in the Coimbatoor Country particularly, as the River is now filling fa[st]

The Travencore Sepoys are very steady well behaved Men, & their Officers very Atte[ntive]

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attention, and will answer every purpose of Garrisoning the two above places, assisted by such Peons as you can spare for that Service — I have the Honor to be

Sir your Obed.t Serv.t

Trichinopoly
May 20th 1799

A Murray Major
Comg &c

Service

T. B. Hurdis Esqr
Collector of Dindigul
[illegible] Caroor
[illegible]

P P [illegible] DOU. 20 May 99

From Major Henry
Dated 20th May 1799
Received 21

Copd

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Major William Kenny
&c &c &c

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 20th. Your letter of the 19th gave me hopes of two Companies of the Travancoreans — but your letter now received (of the 20th) speaks of one Company only — if two Companies can be spared those you will send them particularly as I had given Major Lindsay reason to expect them —

I had made a Requisition to the officer commanding Sevatinga for such force as he could spare and received his

his answer — which leaves me
to expect now from that quarter
and thence I am the more anxio[us]
for fuller assistance from you

I hardly expected any
from Madras or Ramnad — the
disturbances of the Colleries and other
banditti in that quarter will
make it impossible for any tro[ops]
to be spared —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) [illegible]
Collector

[illegible]
21 May 1799

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Copied

To Major Kenny

Dated 2d May

1779

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J. B. Ravenshaw Esqr. &c &c

Dindigul

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 14th accompanying the two One thousand Bullocks which shall be forwarded on to Namcul as soon as possible

I am Sir
Your Hble Servant
C. Ellys [illegible]
Capt. Comm.

Caroor
21st Aug 1799.

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Service

J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr

&c &c

Dindigul

Sd/ G. Capt.

From Capt. Gass
21st May 1799

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To J. S. Hardis Esq.

Collector &c. &c.

Sir

Carroor.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Current, addressed to Lieut. Colonel Croker, requesting to be informed, what force could be spared from this Garrison, to act with Major Lindsays Detachment: In reply, I have to assure you, it is not in my power to furnish a single man — having on the 24th of last Month, at the requisition of Mr. Collector Lushington, detached a Company into the Ramnad Province, since which the Garrison Guards have not been relieved indeed I have not a Man off Duty tho the Guards have been reduced to less than half the usual detail. I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

A. M. Smyth Lieut.
Commanding at Madura

Madura
21st May
1799.

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To On the Service

J. B. Hardie Esq.r

Collector &c &c

From

A. Smyth — Carron

Lt Commandg

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T. B. Hurdis, Esqr.

Collector &ca.

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 18th. Instant, re-"questing Me to acquaint You, what Force could be Spared from the Garrison of Ramnad, to act in Concert with Major Lindsay's Detachmt. for the Purpose of bringing the Districts, lying below the Ghauts, not yet assumed, under the Authority of the Company's Government, in Answer to which I am Sorry to inform You, that on Account of a Rebellion, lately broke out in this Province, the Forces Stationed here not being sufficient to quell it, Mr. Collector Lushington has been under the Necessity of Making a Requisition for Reinforcements from Madura and Pallamcottah, from the latter

Place

Place Major Bannerman is now on his March hither — Such being the Situation of Affairs here, You will perceive the Im-possibility of Sending Troops from hence to join Major Lindsay.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

A. Martinz

Ramnad
21st May, 1790

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T. B. Murdis Esqr.

Collector &c.

Curacao

[illegible]

Recd. 4/[illegible]

Answered 21 May 99

[illegible]

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V. B. Sturdies Esq
Collector of Dindigul

Sir

I have the Honor to inform You that in consequence of a Requisition from Major Bannerman who has Marched against the Insurgents in the Ramnad Districts, I have been Obliged to Countermand the Order of March for the Travancorians to Join Major Lindsay, and to Direct Major Innes to Detach such troops as he could spare from Tanjore to reinforce Major Bannerman.

I have acquainted the

The Right Honble the Governor Genl
with the steps I have taken & my
motives for having done so

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obed Servt
W Kenny Major
Comg &c

Kittirapoly
May 28th 1799

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Copied

From Major Kenn[illegible]
Dated 21 May 1[illegible]
Answd 22 [illegible]

Sir

T. F. B. Wards Esqr
Collector de Dendyge
Caron

W Kenny Major
Comg &c

Pd 1/ SIN. 21 May 99

Lich[illegible]

To

T. B. Hurdis, Esqr.
Collector, Dindigul District, &c.,

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th instant was delivered to me yesterday afternoon.

On same day I received an official copy of the instructions given you by Government, in their letter under date the 13th current, with orders to take such measures, in concert with you, as may be judged most conducive to the object of His Lordship's instructions.

The business of merely taking possession of the country appears to me an easy task, & to require little addition to the force I have at present; but to take possession, and leave proper Guards at the principal Stations, without which the Amuldars, Tahsildars, &c, whom you may appoint, could not act with efficacy, will demand, in my humble opinion, a more considerable Detachment.

This country, if my information be correct, has never been perfectly quiet even under the late Tippoo's vigorous government, and, on a change of Masters, new sources of discontent & disturbance

tributaries are opened; the expelled Poligars &
Pattagars may expect to be reinstated, &
the Natives who now hold these offices will
expect to keep them; You may find it ex-
pedient to set aside several Official people
who have shewn signs of unnecessary hos-
tility & cruelty, such as the Pattagar of
Kangham who so lately instigated Mo-
Deen Ali to decoy under the sanction of cowl
& to hang five of the Gowdens under him
and the Banditti, who usually infested the
country, will have their number increased
by disbanded horse & foot.

From a comprehensive view of all the
circumstances within my knowledge, I
am of opinion that, in addition to this De-
tachment, a Detach of Native Infantry
equal to the strength of a complete Bn
a 100 European Infy with their complement
of Officers, a Troop of Native Cavalry, &
a Brigade of Field Guns, will suffice
not only to take possession, but also, by
proper distribution of that force, to
preserve in peace & security the whole
of the country newly [got & to be] acquired, below
the Ghaut

Of Shaknagherry but [illegible]

its at the distance of several miles, & have not seen any plan, or heard or read any particular account of it, I cannot write with certainty; but, from the little information I have obtained from the Natives who have been up the hill, I have no doubt of its surrendering without resistance, or its being captured by a less force than that already detached.

In my recent march to Hanghoom to drive away Meadeen Ali & his followers from that quarter, the Detacht. was forced to subsist on the supplies it carried from this & any body of troops employed inland of this, or that place, or stationed there, will have to derive its supplies of provisions from the Collector or Commissary. At Hanghoom, till a proper detail of regulars be stationed there to strengthen the new government, no Mutual collections can be made — Circumstances did & do not admit of my furnishing the detail requisite. The Natives that can be furnished from Gurry, might be very usefully employed at Hanghoom for the present —

This being a central position to protect the Posts mentioned by Lt Col. Brown in his [illegible] orders to me, & the presence of the

Detacht.

Detacht. being of the utmost service to your Amuldar here, I shall continue in this vicinity, unless called away by unexpected troubles, till I learn what force is to be furnished, & for [what] it is to be employed. — Could you find it convenient to come hither, it might promote the service, as we could better confer & concert personally, than by letters on the measures fit & best to be taken.

Major Romney informs me by letter dated the 16th instant, from Palghaut, "to send a party to Coimbatoor to-morrow, the Sultan's People having propos'd the Delivery of that Station."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obed.t Servt,

Camp near Darapoorum,
24th May,
1799.

[illegible]
Major
Comd.g Detacht.
on Service in the Coimbatoor Country

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Captn. C. McGeppe

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

From information just received I learn the peons who were seven days since detached to Rangy-em to relieve a party of Sondi-mann instead of going thither as ordered retired to their own Villages - in consequence of which that post is nearly empty -

I have therefore to beg the favor of You to detach a Jemadars party to that post - with orders to Garrison the fort with it -

they

They shall be reinforced with thr[ee]
of the trained Sebbendy who will
be ordered to Receive the Jemindar
order-

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
Signed) W B Turner
Collector

Cundor
23d May
1799-

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Copied

Joseph Gepp

Dated 23d May

1744

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To J. B. Thoridi Esq.r

Sir

I am favord with your requiring a Jemidars party to be sent from hence for the purpose of Garrisoning Congiem — which shall be done and it will depart at 4 o'Clock this afternoon with the necessary order — it will consist of

	Jem.	Hav.	N.K.		Sepoys
	1	2	2	6	30

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient Humble
Servant
Edw.d H. Gepp
Capt. Comm.d

Carroor
23.d May 1799

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Captain Malcolm Macgregor

Commanding

Erroad

Sir

Having appointed Bheem row tahseeldar of Unorow it is probable he may need the assistance of some Sepoys to bring the talook in order and the exact of the rabble with Comamulla gour and others, who very much annoy that part of the country as well as Perundore & cotwale — I have directed Bheem row to make application to you and I have to request of you to supply him with such guards as you may them necessary —

The tahseeldar of Erroad has written me that you have ordered him to measure the grain and gram he is laying in by the companys manner this untill a delivery takes place from me to the

Commissary to the army - or any person by him appointed, is necessary - and even then the measu=rement is easily found by the proportions between the country measure and the companys - the trial of which was made before Mr. Hawkins people in the event of any delivery being necessary to him - and they have the particular account of the proportion each bear to the other -

The Scheuldar is directed to lay in a specific quantity - this is expressed in the coun=try measurement - and as these supplies are made by me to the depot ordered by Govern=ment - and the accounts of them regularly rende=red to me there is no necessity for your taking any trouble in the business or for the interference of any other description of people than those ordered by me - and I have to request of you to

give

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give orders that all such interferrence may cease —

On the grain or gram that may be sent into the fort - I have to beg the favor of you to place a guard that none may be taken away —

Least the tahseeldar should not have peons enough - to take care of the Sheep & cattle collected from the country for the use of the army - I have to request the favor of you - on his application only, to assist him with a few of Tandiomans peons

Any thing that may occur to you as a proper mode for Securing the supplies I shall be obliged by your communicating to me - so that the tahseeldar may receive my orders thereon

as

as he receiving any order from you may prob-
bly clash with what he may have received
from me - and thence impede the Service
we may be desirous of furthering -

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Thos. Munro
Collr.

Arravacourchee
29th May 1799

To B. Hughes Esqr
Sir &c

Sir,

I was favored with yours of the 18th yesterday morning the principal object of which you will have been already made acquainted with, was carried into effect on the 19th instt. Mr Wabbel who went thither to Moodoorn the Commissioners Government has been violated by the Commissioners of the Malabar, but they remain in possession of the Place, a Subaltern & 60 Sepoys and 200 hundred Polygars.

With respect to a further co-operation with your plans, it will be in my power to spare 2 making 200 men besides the Detachment at Coimbatoor, but they will be principally Travancore Sepoys.

The report that was communicated to you of our having taken possession of the Pettah at Coimbatoor arose, I imagine, from my having advanced a Detachment of 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns & 260 men with one 6 pounder to a Town lying within the boundaries of the late Sultaun Country immediately on receiving a letter from Col Brown of the 16th of March, with a view of being in readiness to act without loss of time in whatever

way might be proposed. But having informed the Commis-
sioners and Commanding Officer of the Malabar, of the
steps I had taken, those efforts were discontinued. I
therefore withdrew a part of the Detachment, leaving
only 150 men there for the protection of numbers of fam-
ilies who are taking refuge with us from the depreda-
tions of the scattered parties of the enemy.

The establishment of regular Tappals between this
and Darapooram may I think be easily effected. I shall make
the necessary enquiries and give you the earliest informa-
tion on this head. But as Mr Waddell, who is the Post Master
of the Province is here, perhaps he may be inclined to
continue his establishment of Tappals till they meet
yours; if not I will effect the business agreeable to your
plan.

The report of the Madras troops being at Da-
naicotta is not yet confirmed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Paulghaut 25th May 178[illegible] Your most obed.t Servant
[illegible]

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Lisbon

F. W. Hackett Esqr
&c &c &c
Messrs Ommanney
Messrs

London

From
Messrs Ommanney
[illegible] 1799
[illegible]

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To Captn. [illegible]

Commanding

Dindigul

Sir

Havildar
You are desired to order a [illegible] and

[illegible] men to be ready tomorrow morning

[illegible] to escort bullocks [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

I am Sir

Dindigul
30th May 99

[illegible]

To Cash bo[illegible]

30th [illegible]

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Lieut. Mackenzie

&c. &c.

Coimbatore

Sir

This will be delivered to you by
[illegible]row Head Serishtadar of my Cachary
whom I have sent to collect supplies
for Col. Browns detachment which
w[illegible] be at Coimbatoor on the 5. & shal
be if possible be there on the 4. in the
mean time I have to request the favor
of you to afford every assistance to the
[illegible] in the collection of the supp-
lies - and in the bringing the talook
into order -

Mr. Waddel under date 22d
instant informed me of the orders you

has received — the mode of introduc[ing]
the ones I have from Mr. Macleod — they
are not likely to deliver — a their pre-
-sence in their village to secure the
supplies will be necessary — I have
directed Bhimrow to order them to
their village and to direct their obe-
-dience to the tahsildars already
appointed — I will trouble you to
receive their notes and to render such
assistance as may be necessary to
enforce the order —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Camp Soram
your very obedient
31st May 1799
humble Servant
(signed) W. Hunter
Collr

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To

Lieut. [illegible]chanocke

dated 31st May 1799.

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Major Benny

Commanding

Sir Pondicherry

The Bearer has charge of nine hundred and ninety two (992) Draught & Carriage bullocks for the service of the Army, which I am desired by the Resident at Tanjore to consign to you

I am Sir

&c &c

Dindigul

31st May 99

Mr Mayor Kenny
31 May 1765

[illegible]
[illegible] Phil[illegible]
[illegible]

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Lieut. James
Actg. Fort Adjutant
Sir &c &c
I have the pleasure to enclose bill for 30 Pags. for the Subsistence of the late Poligar Pyfoney for June
I beg the favor of a Receipt
Yours Sir
Camp Palladam &c &c
June 3d 1799

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Lieut. Markonochie

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

As Major Lindsay's detacht. is not meant to relieve you at present and as it cannot affro[rd] an officer to any party I have to request the favor of you to remain with your party untill Colo. Browne ~~[illegible]~~ directs an officer to relieve you Colo. Brown may be expected hourly

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

Signed Wm. Murdie

Coimbatoor

2 June 1799

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of Dindigul &ca &ca

Sir

Arnatchillam, a Man well known at and about Dindigul, who acted as Vackeel to my Battalion, deserted on the night of the 25th past & carried off with him the Pay of the Bamboo Coolies amounting to eighty five Pagodas, & a part of the Lascars Pay of Battn about sixty — I have certain Information that he went down the Guzzilhetty Pass, and took the Route of Nattam, where he will be found; and I beg Sir that you will employ People to secure the Villain — I have the honor to remain with regard Sir

Seringapatam the
June 5th 1798.

Your obedt. Servt.
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Service

To B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector &ca. &ca.

J. Oliver
Lt. Coll. 2d B. 3d R. } Dindigul

Copied

From
Lieut. Colln. Oliver
dated 5th. June 17[illegible]
recd. 10th. d. d.

~~Sepoy~~ Dansy Ramasing

Crime against Shaik Ahmaun Havaldar & Sepoy

stationed at Nellacotah

1st Allowing: Nulka Gorman and Bradhen

two prisoners under his charge, to make

their escape on the 6th June 1799

The same crime against Dansy Ramasing ~~Shaik Ahmaun~~ the

Havaldar Sepoy on duty when the prisoners escaped

from the guard of Captn Proctor

Commanding

Dindigul

Sir

Should the Havaldar & Sepoy above named

be found guilty of the crime stated, you will

be pleased to order such punishment to

be inflicted on them, as in such cases

is customary

I am Sir

Your very obdt Servt

Nellacotah

7th June 1799

Mr Cuthbt Trotter
7th June 1769

To 259 T. B. Hurdis Esq.
Coll. &
Dindigal 287

Sir

Inclosed I have the honor to forward you the Poligar of Pylney's Receipt for Star Pagodas 30.[50]

Yours Obed.t Serv.t

Fra.s James &
Fort Adj.t

Trichinopoly
10.th June 99

To T. B. Nurdis Esqr.

Collector &c.

Sir/

I have received your letter of the 29th Ulto some days since, to which I would have replied sooner only that I expected you here before this and did not know where to send to you — your information from the Tahsildar of Eroad, That I had given him orders to Measure the Grain & Ground he is laying in, by the Companys Measure, the latter part of your assertion is perfectly false he never recd any order whatsoever from me about your Grain, as you told me upon it, that it was a private concern, — The Circar Paddy I had no account whatsoever of it altho you mentioned I should and likewise have a regular acct of what came to the Fort —

Fort daily, which was not also attended to, no

any order you gave to this Inspection so far

as it regarded to me, & with respect to the Quantity

beat out into Rice are yet in the south, as is

All I can account for is Eight thousand [illegible]

hundred ~~Ans~~ Madeira Marcals pr 100, which

was Measured by my order before a Committee

of officers who neither could hurt the quality

or diminish the Quantity by using a different

Marcal, consequently the calculation you make

between these Measures will still hold good

I do assure you I would have saved myself

the trouble had I thought it necessary

, I cannot really pretend to be a clear judge

of the intricate jumbled together Departments

thrown on My Hands, at the same time it shews

Me very forcibly that a regular Acct of every

individual Article that I am responsible for

should be furnished me, if I am wrong in this

opinion, it remains to be further explained

All I can say that My situation is [illegible]

expedient for I find the Moor [illegible] inclined to
forward the Service & execute the Orders of
others, the further from giving satisfaction to the
Ast. Comr. it cannot — I long foresaw what
I had to expect in this important Command
which was crammed upon me unaccountably

The Tahsildar you intended for Perantor
I sent him there with a requisite Guard to
establish his Cutchery the Moment an
opportunity occurred — The Tahsildars
sent to Andevor returned a Guard which
was ~~taken~~ sent with him — ~~Col.~~ Read sent
Tahsildar to that place 20 Days ago, ob-
-serving the late troubles by plundering
Amildars Peons &c in the Cattamanglam
Country. I frequently sent a Subedars
Guard out in that Direction to suppress
them & to give support to those that
were well disposed to our Government
and several respectable Inhabitants appli-
-ed to me for Cowle which I granted, as
far as affording every security to their property
while the Country was [illegible] under Manguis

a Man who was formerly him Commissary of Exeter his Name Tunnaleo? [illegible] employ was on the occasion as an intelligent man and as far as his conduct appeared to me, he did not interfere beyond the Questions he had what I thought would turn out a becoming Deter[?] to him. A [illegible] was called to draw for this, as he says at the instigation of the [illegible] of this place whose conduct in his situation to other Gentlemen as well as to myself is beyond description. Therefore I give you this intimation that you may check him & render it unnecessary to carry the complaint further.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient
Servant

Malc. MacGregor

Exeter
9th January 1811

Captn. Comg.

To — B. Hurdis Esq.re
Collector &c &c
Coimbetore

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing you a Copy of a Letter to Major Lindsay from me, on the Subject of the Tapaul you will thence perceive the steps taken and the part I have acted

I am induced to trouble you thus far having understood from my people that you have been urged to Detain them at Coimbetore till an answer could be received from Major Lindsay which is immaterial as my Letter to that officer was merely to announce to him the Duty the bearers were sent on which might otherways (had he been there) have attracted his attention —

As

As I have understood from them you have found
it necessary to Alter the Route which you Originally
laid down when it may be convenient to you to
allow them to return. May I — or will You
send Orders to the Chokies that the attendance of
such peons as have been engaged are no longer
Required —

I am Sir
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t
[illegible]

Paulghaut-y
June 13th 1799 —

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Copied
From
Captn Burns
dated 13 June 99
recd 15 J. J.

J. B. Morris Esqr
Collector &c &c
Cumberland

Copy of a Letter
To

Major C. Lindsay

Commanding at

Darraporam

Sir

Having been requested by Major Romney Commanding at this station and Mr Waddell the southern Superintendant in Malabar to establish a Tapal between this and Darraporam in Conformity to the Correspondence which has existed between those Gentlemen & Mr Hardis — I have sent the bearer to regulate & fix the Different Chokies of which I have given him a list and hope he will succeed without opposition from the intervening Poligars who were at first very anxious to become the Instruments of this Communication but having when Called on for their assistance testified a backwardness which fore boded little Success have urged me to adopt the present plan which will enable us I hope to do without them.

Should it be in your Power to Communicate any thing which may tend to accelerate or render the measure more safe it will be esteemed a favor —

There will be Ten Chokies between this and your

...ation at each three ansekars—

I am Sir

Your most obed.t Servant

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[illegible]

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Lieut. Col. Brown

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

on my arrival from Camp yesterday I gave the accompanying hirichnamah to Soobarow that it might be examined — he has just now returned it and says it is right. I have therefore sent it to you in the same state as it was yesterday.

The Poligars present in Coimbatoor will attend you at any time you may chuse to receive them —

I have the honor to be

Sir

your very obedient Servant

(signed) W. Hurdis

Collr.

Coimbatoor

13th June 1799

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Captn. Burr

&c. &c.

Paulghaut

Sir

I was favored with your letter yesterday — I had on its receipt desired your man to recall the peons sent from Palghaut, as the principal Peons of the madras Govt. were stationed between this and Caroor on their arrival

I have the honor to be

Sir

your very obedient Servant

(Signed) W. B. Hardie

Col.

Coimbatoor
16th June 1799